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INTERNATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Section 214 Applications (47 C.F.R. § 63.18); Section 310(b)(4) Requests

The following applications have been granted pursuant to the Commission's streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12, other provisions of the Commission's rules, or procedures set forth in an earlier public notice listing applications accepted for filing.

Unless otherwise noted, these grants authorize the applicants (1) to become a facilities-based international common carrier subject to 47 C.F.R. § 63.22; and/or (2) to become a resale-based international common carrier subject to 47 C.F.R. § 63.23; or (3) to exceed the 25 percent foreign ownership benchmark applicable to common carrier radio licensees under 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4).

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SERVES AS EACH NEWLY AUTHORIZED CARRIER'S SECTION 214 CERTIFICATE. It contains general and specific conditions, which are set forth below. Newly authorized carriers should carefully review the terms and conditions of their authorizations. Failure to comply with general or specific conditions of an authorization, or with other relevant Commission rules and policies, could result in fines and forfeitures.

Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules in regard to the grant of any of these applications may be filed within thirty days of this public notice (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

An updated version of Sections 63.09–.25 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/telecomrules.html>.

For additional information, please contact the FCC Reference and Information Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 07/25/2007

Choice Holdings LLC (Choice Holdings or the "Petitioner") requests a declaratory ruling that it is in the public interest to permit the indirect foreign ownership of Choice Phone LLC (Choice Phone) and Wave Runner LLC (Wave Runner) in excess of the 25 percent benchmark set forth in section 310(b) (4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). Choice Phone and Wave Runner provide commercial mobile radio telecommunications services to consumers in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Choice Phone holds Specialized Mobile Radio licenses, and Wave Runner holds broadband Personal Communications Service radio licenses.

According to the petition, Choice Holdings, Choice Phone and Wave Runner are limited liability companies organized under the laws of Guam. Choice Holdings holds directly approximately 100% of the equity and voting interests in Choice Phone and Wave Runner. Richard C. Yu, a U.S. citizen, holds directly less than 1% of the equity and voting interests in each carrier. The direct equity and voting interests in Choice Holdings, in turn, are held as follows: (1) Ronnie S. Lim, a citizen of the Philippines, a World Trade Organization (WTO) Member country (25%), (2) Richard C. Yu, a U.S. citizen (28%), (3) Jeselyn T. Yu, a U.S. citizen (18%), and (4) Angelie C. Ong, a U.S. citizen (29%). According to the petition, Mr. Yu is the Managing Member of, and has de facto control over, Choice Holdings, Choice Phone, and Wave Runner.

Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, Mr. Lim will acquire an additional 10% direct equity and voting interest in Choice Holdings from Mr. Yu, thereby exceeding the 25 percent benchmark in section 310(b)(4) of the Act. Mr. Yu will continue to function as Managing Member of, and maintain de facto control over, Choice Holdings, Choice Phone and Wave Runner.

Pursuant to section 310(b)(4) and the rules and policies adopted in the Foreign Participation Order, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997), Order on Reconsideration, 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000), we find that it would not serve the public interest to prohibit the indirect foreign ownership of Choice Phone and Wave Runner in excess of the 25 percent benchmark of section 310(b)(4) of the Act. Specifically, this ruling permits Choice Phone and Wave Runner to be owned indirectly by Ronnie S. Lim, a citizen of the Philippines, in an amount up to and including 35% of their equity and voting interests. Choice Phone and Wave Runner may accept up to and including an additional, aggregate 25% indirect foreign equity and/or voting interests from other foreign investors without seeking further Commission approval under section 310(b)(4).

We grant the Petition to Adopt Conditions (Conditions Petition) filed in this proceeding on July 24, 2007, by the Department of Homeland Security, with the concurrence of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accordingly, we condition grant of the petition on Choice Holdings abiding by its commitments and undertakings contained in its July 19, 2007 letter to Sigal P. Mandelker, Elaine N. Lammert, and Stewart A. Baker, (July 19, 2007 Commitment Letter). The Conditions Petition and the July 19, 2007 Commitment Letter are publicly available in the record of this proceeding and may be viewed on the FCC web-site through the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS) by searching for ISP-PDR-20050624-00008 and accessing the "Attachment Menu" from the Document Viewing Area.

This ruling is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 07/25/2007

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based Service, Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 07/20/2007

Application for authority to provide facilities-based service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(1) of the rules, and also to provide service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 07/20/2007

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20070702-00255 E Wholesale Network Services, Inc.
International Telecommunications Certificate
Service(s): Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based Service, Global or Limited Global Resale Service
Grant of Authority Date of Action: 07/20/2007

Application for authority to provide facilities-based service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(1) of the rules, and also to provide service in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-T/C-20070612-00228 E CT Communications, Inc.
Transfer of Control
Grant of Authority Date of Action: 07/20/2007

Current Licensee: CT Communications, Inc.

FROM: CT Communications, Inc.

TO: Windstream Corporation

Application for consent to transfer control of international section 214 authorization, ITC-214-19930405-00054, held by CT Communications, Inc. (CTCI), a publicly traded company, from its shareholders to Windstream Corporation (Windstream). Pursuant to a May 25, 2007 Agreement and Plan of Merger, between CTCI, Windstream, and Windstream Marlin, Inc. (Marlin), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream, Marlin will be merged with and into CTCI, with CTCI surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream. Pursuant to section 63.21(h) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.21(h), the following direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of CTCI are providing international telecommunications service under its section 214 authorization, ITC-214-19930405-00054: CTC Long Distance Services, LLC, The Concord Telephone Company, CTC Exchange Services, Inc., and Carolina Personal Communications, Inc. Windstream is a publicly traded company with no 10 percent or greater interest holders. This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

ITC-T/C-20070620-00239 E PPL Telcom, LLC
Transfer of Control
Grant of Authority Date of Action: 07/20/2007

Current Licensee: PPL Telcom, LLC

FROM: PPL Energy Services Group, LLC

TO: CII Holdco, Inc.

Application for consent to transfer control of international section 214 authorization, ITC-214-20020103-00004, held by PPL Telcom, LLC (PPL Telcom) from its sole member, PPL Energy Services Group, LLC (PPL-Parent), to CII Holdco, Inc. (CII), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Communications Infrastructure Investments, LLC (CII-Parent). Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement dated May 23, 2007, CII will purchase from PPL-Parent all of the membership interests in PPL Telcom. Four private equity funds (the "Funds") hold direct 10% or greater equity and voting interests in CII-Parent: Oak Investment Partners XII, LP (27.2%) (General Partner Oak Associates XII, LLC); M/C Venture Partners VI, L.P. (26.4%) (General Partner M/C VP VI, L.P.); Columbia Capital Equity Partners IV (QP), L.P. (24%) (General Partner Columbia Capital IV, LLC); and Battery Ventures VII, L.P. (10.7%) (General Partner Battery Partners VII, LLC). M/C Venture Partners, LLC is the General Partner of M/C VP VI, L.P. Each of these entities is organized in the United States. The managing members of the Fund general partners are all U.S. citizens. No other person or entity will hold a 10% or greater direct or indirect equity or voting interest in PPL Telcom. This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS

(1) These authorizations are subject to the Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations, which identifies restrictions on providing service to particular countries or using particular facilities. The most recent Exclusion List is attached to this Public Notice. The list applies to all U.S. international carriers, including those that have previously received global or limited global Section 214 authority, whether by Public Notice or specific written order. Carriers are advised that the attached Exclusion List is subject to amendment at any time pursuant to the procedures set forth in Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118, 11 FCC Rcd 12884 (1996), para. 18. A copy of the current Exclusion List will be maintained in the FCC Reference and Information Center and will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/telecomrules.html#exclusionlist>. It also will be attached to each Public Notice that grants international Section 214 authority.

(2) The export of telecommunications services and related payments to countries that are subject to economic sanctions may be restricted. For information concerning current restrictions, call the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2520.

(3) Carriers shall comply with the requirements of Section 63.11 of the Commission's rules, which requires notification by, and in certain circumstances prior notification by, U.S. carriers acquiring an affiliation with foreign carriers. A carrier that acquires an affiliation with a foreign carrier will be subject to possible reclassification as a dominant carrier on an affiliated route pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.10 of the rules.

(4) Carriers shall comply with the Commission's International Settlements Policy and associated filing requirements contained in Sections 43.51, 64.1001 and 64.1002 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 43.51, 64.1001, 64.1002. The Commission modified these requirements most recently in International Settlements Policy Reform: International Settlement Rates, First Report and Order, FCC 04-53, 19 FCC Rcd 5709 (2004). In addition, any carrier interconnecting private lines to the U.S. public switched network at its switch, including any switch in which the carrier obtains capacity either through lease or otherwise, shall file annually with the Chief, International Bureau, a certified statement containing, on a country-specific basis, the number and type (e.g., 64 kbps circuits) of private lines interconnected in such manner. The Commission will treat the country of origin information as confidential. Carriers need not file their contracts for interconnection unless the Commission specifically requests. Carriers shall file their annual report on February 1 (covering international private lines interconnected during the preceding January 1 to December 31 period) of each year. International private lines to countries which the Commission has exempted from the International Settlements Policy at any time during a particular reporting period are exempt from this requirement. See 47 C.F.R. § 43.51(d). The Commission's list of U.S. international routes that are exempt from the International Settlements Policy may be viewed at http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/isp_exempt.html.

(5) Carriers authorized to provide private line service either on a facilities or resale basis are limited to the provision of such private line service only between the United States and those foreign points covered by their referenced applications for Section 214 authority. A carrier may provide switched services over its authorized resold private lines in the circumstances specified in Section 63.23(d) of the rules, 47 C.F. R. § 63.23(d).

(6) A carrier may engage in "switched hubbing" to countries that do not appear on the Commission's list of U.S. international routes that are exempt from the International Settlements Policy, set forth in Section 64.1002, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1002, provided the carrier complies with the requirements of Section 63.17(b) of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.17(b). The Commission's list of U.S. international routes that are exempt from the International Settlements Policy may be viewed at http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/isp_exempt.html.

(7) Carriers shall comply with the "No Special Concessions" rule, Section 63.14, 47 C.F.R. § 63.14.

(8) Carriers regulated as dominant for the provision of a particular communications service on a particular route for any reason other than a foreign carrier affiliation under Section 63.10 of the rules shall file tariffs pursuant to Section 203 of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 203, and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 61. Carriers shall not otherwise file tariffs except as permitted by Section 61.19 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.19. Except as specified in Section 20.15 with respect to commercial mobile radio service providers, carriers regulated as non-dominant, as defined in Section 61.3, and providing detariffed international services pursuant to Section 61.19, must comply with all applicable public disclosure and maintenance of information requirements in Sections 42.10 and 42.11.

(9) Carriers shall file the annual reports of overseas telecommunications traffic required by Section 43.61(a). Carriers shall also file the quarterly reports required by Section 43.61 in the circumstances specified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of

that Section.

(10) Carriers shall file annual reports of circuit status and/or circuit additions in accordance with the requirements set forth in Rules for Filing of International Circuit Status Reports, CC Docket No. 93-157, Report and Order, 10 FCC Rcd 8605 (1995). See 47 C.F.R. § 43.82. See also §§ 63.22(e), 63.23(e). These requirements apply to facilities-based carriers and private line resellers, respectively. See also <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html>.

(11) Carriers should consult Section 63.19 of the rules when contemplating a discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service. Further, the grant of these applications shall not be construed to include authorization for the transmission of money in connection with the services the applicants have been given authority to provide. The transmission of money is not considered to be a common carrier service.

(12) If any carrier is reselling service obtained pursuant to a contract with another carrier, the services obtained by contract shall be made generally available by the underlying carrier to similarly situated customers at the same terms, conditions and rates. 47 U.S.C. § 203.

(13) To the extent the applicant is, or is affiliated with, an incumbent independent local exchange carrier, as those terms are defined in Section 64.1902 of the rules, it shall provide the authorized services in compliance with the requirements of Section 64.1903.

(14) Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission, a carrier authorized here to provide facilities-based service that (i) is classified as dominant under Section 63.10 of the rules for the provision of such service on a particular route and (ii) is affiliated with a carrier that collects settlement payments for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of that route may not provide facilities-based switched service on that route unless the current rates the affiliate charges U.S. international carriers to terminate traffic are at or below the Commission's relevant benchmark adopted in International Settlement Rates, IB Docket No. 96-261, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997). See also Report and Order on Reconsideration and Order Lifting Stay in IB Docket No. 96-261, FCC 99-124 (rel. June 11, 1999). For the purposes of this rule, "affiliated" and "foreign carrier" are defined in Section 63.09.

Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations

-- Last Modified December 22, 1999 --

The following is a list of countries and facilities not covered by grant of global Section 214 authority under Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(1). In addition, the facilities listed shall not be used by U.S. carriers authorized under Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules unless the carrier's Section 214 authorization specifically lists the facility. Carriers desiring to serve countries or use facilities listed as excluded hereon shall file a separate Section 214 application pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. § 63.22.

Countries:

Cuba (Applications for service to Cuba shall comply with the separate filing requirements of the Commission's Public Notice Report No. I-6831, dated July 27, 1993, "FCC to Accept Applications for Service to Cuba.")

Facilities:

All non-U.S.-licensed satellite systems that are not on the Permitted Space Station List, maintained at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sd/se/permitted.html>. See International Bureau Public Notice, DA 99-2844 (rel. Dec. 17, 1999).

This list is subject to change by the Commission when the public interest requires. Before amending the list, the Commission will first issue a public notice giving affected parties the opportunity for comment and hearing on the proposed changes. The Commission may then release an order amending the exclusion list. This list also is subject to change upon issuance of an Executive Order. See Streamlining the Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118, FCC 96-79, 11 FCC Rcd 12,884, released March 13, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 15,724, April 9, 1996). A current version of this list is maintained at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/telecomrules.html#exclusionlist>.

For additional information, contact the International Bureau's Policy Division, (202) 418-1460.